The VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

The Freedom of the Preſs is one of the great Bulwarks of Liberty, and can never be reſtrained but by deſpotic Gove[illegible]

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SUBSTANCE of Lord CHATHAM'*s ſpeech, in the Houſe of Lords, as delivered by his Lordſhip, ſitting in his place, with his hat on; both of which deviations from the cuſtomary rules of debate, he prayed as an indulgence.*

MY LORDS,

THE affairs of this country are in ſo precarious and critical a ſituation, that I could not, conſiſtently with my duty, any longer poſtpone ſubmitting my thoughts to this Houſe, in humble expectation, that whatever I may offer will be received as intended only for the dignity, honour, and intereſt of my country, to promote the luſtre of the Crown, the eaſe and happineſs of my Sovereign, and the general benefit of every part of the Britiſh empire. If the effect of the motion I am going to propoſe to your Lordſhips ſhould arreſt the hand of power, and were to anſwer the zeal and earneſt wiſhes of him who makes it, he would, indeed, be equally happy and ſucceſsful.

MY LORDS,

In explaining the objects of my motion, I wiſh to keep every thing from your recollection that can give you pain, but, while I ſtate to your Lordſhips the grounds of the propoſition I am about to make, it is indiſpenſably neceſſary that I ſhould tell your Lordſhips what has cauſed the evils with which we are at preſent threatened.

MY LORDS,

You voted away the property of the Americans, without their conſent; when they complained you would not hear their complaints. You called them factious, ſeditious, and rebellious. You quarrelled with your ſubjects on the other ſide of the Atlantic, about a paltry tax upon tea: You have ſpent many millions in ſupport of this tax. The war, my Lords, is got to a height no man could foreſee; to a height which now threatens ruin and deſtruction to this country. America is loſt! I fear England is undone! What have you done, my Lords? You have rendered Britain a dependent ſtate! dependent on the precarious friendſhip, or more precarious neutrality of France! What did you do, my Lords? You condemned a whole province, without hearing, without even demanding ſatisfaction for the injury you ſuſtained. You proſcribed them; you ſhut up their ports and harbours; you robbed them of their chartered rights; you deprived them, my Lords, of their moſt valuable privileges, of the inalienable birthright of Engliſhmen, the trial by jury, trial by their Peers of the vicinage, and of judges acquainted with the parties, the offence, the provocation, and the meaſure of puniſhment, what was the conſequence, my Lords? Three millions of people refuſed to be bound by your arbitrary edicts. I beg your Lordſhips pardon, Miniſters were miſtaken; it was Engliſhmen that were to be bound and enſlaved: My Lords, they refuſed it. The ſkill and bravery of your Generals, the prowels of your troops, the ſtrength and pride of this once powerful country, your navy, was found inſufficient. What, my Lords, was you obliged to do? You could not procure men at home. Engliſhmen do not like to enſlave Engliſhmen, nor trample on the rights of their fellow-ſubjects. What did your Lordſhips do? You hired 20,000 German boors: Your Miniſters I ſay hired them, to cut the throats of your inoffenſive coloniſts. Thoſe coloniſts are now, my Lords, called rebels; they are ſtigmatized with every baſe and abuſive epithet in the Engliſh language. Yet, my Lords, I remember when this country was waging war with the united powers of France and Spain, when there was a rebellion and a Scotch rebellion, within this land. I remember when our fleets were uſeleſs, our armies unſucceſsful, that theſe men, now deſcribed as the blackeſt and baſeſt of all rebels; nay, more, that very colony which has been repreſented as the hot-bed of ſedition and treaſon, that colony, againſt which the keeneſt lightnings of government are denounced, and have been directed; I remember, I ſay, my Lords, that very colony ſending forth four regiments of undiſciplined militia, which gave the firſt check to France in her proud career, and erected the ſtandard of conqueſt on the walls of Louiſbourgh. But, my Lords, we need not point out particular facts, in proof of the bravery, the zeal, the duty, and affection of this people, the annals of the laſt war will tell ſuch of your Lordſhips, as are not old enough to remember how they fought, and how they bled; they will tell you how generouſly they contributed, how like loving brethren they ſhared the common burthen of the danger. Theſe, my Lords, are the unhappy men you have cruelly devoted to deſtruction, whoſe towns you would eraſe, whoſe commerce you would annihilate, whoſe liberties you would deſtroy by the ſword, whoſe property you would confiſcate, and whoſe perſons you would enſlave; theſe are the people whom your Miniſters would extirpate. What has been the ſyſtem purſued by Adminiſtration, and what have been the meaſures taken for carrying it into execution? Your ſyſtem has been a government, grafted on the ruins of the conſtitution, and founded in conqueſt; and you have ſwept all Germany of its refuſe, as its means. There is not a petty, inſignificant Prince, whom you have not ſolicited for aid. You have become the ſuitors at every German court; and have your Miniſters enrolled in the German chancery, as the contracting parties, in behalf of this once great and glorious country. The laurels of Britain are faded! her arms are diſgraced! her negotiations [illegible] and her councils fallen into contempt!

MY LORDS,

You have vainly tried to conquer America by the [illegible] by the arms of 20,000 undiſciplined German boors, [illegible] every obſcure corner of that country [illegible] have laviſhed the public treaſure [illegible] and what have [illegible] ing, my Lords, but forcing the co[illegible] You have rouſed them, my Lords, [illegible] with vigour and [illegible] have united and combined them. [illegible] them, and given them but one ſoul. [illegible] indignation, they are fired with juſt [illegible] avenge their injuries, and retaliate, [illegible] oppreſſors. Yes, my Lords, I ſay [illegible] to twenty thouſand mercenaries. [illegible] the attempt is abſurd; as well [illegible] ſtretch, as to ſuppoſe America will [illegible]

I would recommend peace to your Lord[illegible] unhappy conteſt is continued, the more [illegible] leſs able we ſhall be to proſecute with vigour [illegible] with honour or advantage. Miniſters, as they [illegible] ni[illegible], are led into a fatal error, reſpecting our [illegible] They imagine that nothing is to be dreaded from that quarter, [illegible] has not interfered directly in favour of America. But, my Lords, do [illegible] when they build ſuch mighty things on this circumſtance, recollect that they argue as if France were mad? Would they have France run the riſk, hazard, and expenſe of a war, when Britain is doing all for France ſhe can poſſibly wiſh or deſire? It was a groſs miſconception to ſ[illegible] that France never thought a minute about giving aid to the colonies [illegible] my Lords, to interrupt this country in its wild career, [illegible] colonies. No, my Lords, ſhe has taken care, [illegible] the mad notions of conqueſt and d[illegible] prevail within theſe walls. She [illegible] that [illegible] countenance and prote[illegible] civil war alive, ſo as to ba[illegible]

This cruel, and un[illegible], my Lords, [illegible] have proſcribed yo[illegible] petitions, their fe[illegible] tional reſentſ[illegible] America! [illegible] of Bourbon. [illegible] To effect wh[illegible] my Lords, [illegible] twenty millio[illegible] ſhe is diſpoſin[illegible] the produce of [illegible] cultivating and extending [illegible] commerce [illegible] of internal wealth, and exter[illegible] ſtrength, [illegible] and while our ſpecie leaves the kin[illegible] to [illegible] beſides the common advantages [illegible] were all received in exchange for [illegible]

We have, my Lords, tri[illegible] purpoſe. Is there the moſt diſtant rational proſpect, that affairs will wear a better face at the end of this year than they did laſt. We have exerted our utmoſt ſtrength to little or no purpoſe. We have talked of conquering America; have we done it? No, my Lords, we have nothing to boaſt of but a few trifling advantages, which, when we conſider the price paid for them, and the circumſtances which attend the obtaining them, wear, in fact, every ſolid appearance of defeat. We continue to ſend troops, and have voted millions; and what, my Lords, we are told that our army, after ſuch enormous ſupplies, will be juſt equal to what it was laſt year, when it effected nothing, or next to nothing.

His Lordſhip ſhewed the abſurdity of relying longer on the mere force of arms, and very pathetically preſſed the neceſſity of a ſpeedy conciliation. We are, he ſaid, on the brink of a precipice, on the very verge of deſtruction; and deſired their Lordſhips to ſnatch the preſent moment, as probably the laſt, in which they would have an opportunity of procuring the national ſalvation. A few weeks, nay a ſingle day's delay, ſays he, may be too late. War, ſays his Lordſhip, has been tried. Let us recollect our critical ſituation; let us conſider, ſhould we perſevere in the ſame wild, ruinous, and oppreſſive ſyſtem, the inevitable alternatives with which we are ſurrounded on either hand. Should we loſe America, America will be added in fact to the French empire. Should we prove ſucceſsful in the ſtruggle, debilitated, exhauſted, and impoveriſhed, as we muſt be, we ſhall, in the event, have conquered America for France: If, on waiting for either of thoſe events, France ſhould change her preſent ſyſtem, which I can hardly think ſhe will, except by ſome very unex-

[illegible] change in her councils, then America, as a matter of courſe, will be loſt for ever to this country! Should this latter be the caſe, and that ſhe ſhould make this a public avowal of her ſentiments, by ſupporting the cauſe of America, though we had but five ſhips of war in the world, I ſhould inſtantly be for declaring war againſt her, as the only reparation that could poſſibly ſatisfy the [illegible] honour of a great nation, be the event what it might. His Lordſhip [illegible] the Houſe likewiſe of the propoſitions moved by his bill and motion, early in 1775, before a drop of blood had been ſhed on either ſide; [illegible] out the fatal policy which cauſed their rejection, and the very violent and [illegible] manner in which they were rejected. His Lordſhip ſpoke about fifty minutes, and then made the motion.

BALTIMORE, *January* 13.

BY Capt. Condray, who is juſt arrived at Sinnepuxent, in a ſhort paſſage from Cape François, we are informed, that a few days before he ſailed, [illegible] French regular troops arrived there from France.——That while he lay at the cape, an armed brig from South Carolina, fell in with a Britiſh frigate, who gave her chaſe, and would [illegible] undoubtedly have taken her, had not a French frigate taken the Carolina man under protection, and ſafely convoyed her into port.

Laſt Friday Capt. William Hutton, in the ſloop Penſylvania Farmer, arrived [illegible] who informs us that the news of Burgoyne and his army ſurrendering themſelves priſoners to the Americans was [illegible] which afforded great ſatisfaction and joy to the [illegible] number of cannon to be diſcharged, [illegible] to be diſplayed, &c.

[illegible] October 12, 1777, *on board the ſhip* [illegible] *of* [illegible] *guns.*

[illegible] I am here a priſoner of war, alſo thoſe that [illegible], after an engagement of 7 hours, with [illegible] engaged her 20 leagues off ſhore, the day after [illegible]. The engagement of 7 hours was at two different times, [illegible] all our officers, but Capt Johnſton, amounting to ten, and [illegible] men, our ammunition expended, and our ſhip ſhattered in ſuch a manner that we could ſcarcely keep her above water, were obliged to ſtrike. However, I have the ſatisfaction to acquaint you alſo, that we killed the Captain and 15 of their men. After which engagement, they took poſſeſſion of the Lexington privateer, exchanged us all on board their veſſel, ſaving two Frenchmen, and put in our ſtead 17 men; but as God would have it, they all periſhed at ſea, they not being able to keep the Lexington above water.——In ſhort, here we are healthy and well, [illegible] 900 priſoners, among whom are 200 Frenchmen, ſome Chevaliers [illegible], who are no more noticed than common men. We [illegible] make our eſcape before [illegible] propoſed to us to liſt with them, [illegible] of their [illegible]. Never was a nation [illegible] battalions of militia [illegible] have not a third [illegible] dutiful ſon, &c.

[illegible]OUSSEAUX.

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman in CAPE FRANÇOIS [illegible] *friend in this* [illegible] *December* [illegible], 1777.

“ [illegible] the great preparations of [illegible] the French [illegible] French [illegible] ports ſhut [illegible] expected under a ſtrong [illegible] to the Americans, and [illegible] by the Britiſh Ambaſſador, [illegible] ports come under a convoy, that the [illegible] manifeſt declaration of war, and that he [illegible] attacked before they reached the Weſt Indies; but he [illegible] be the caſe, as it was his Maſter's intention to keep up a good underſtanding between the Court of Great Britain, and that of France and Spain, which he hoped would not take the advantage of the times, while he was quelling the unhappy rebellion, that now ſubſiſted between Great Britain and the colonies; and that he could not help obſerving to them, the favour ſhewn to the American veſſels in the French ports. France, with her uſual policy, denied the Americans her ports, for a while, took off the embargo, agreed to ſend her tranſports to the iſlands, without convoy. The tranſports arrived here and at Martinico, landing at Martinico 7000 effective men; and at this place, was landed yeſterday, about 6500 ſtout, hearty fellows, among whom is a regiment of dragoons, with all their implements, &c. but no horſe, chiefly clothed in heavy woollen, and in general old and experienced officers and ſoldiers. And likewiſe arrived in the Havannah 16 ſhips of the line, and 10 frigates, with a number of tranſports, with ſoldiers on board, and as many more daily expected. The people here thought at firſt, they were for taking Jamaica; but ſince there arrival, the politicians are off of that opinion, and judge, by their clothing, they are deſtined for a colder climate. *Query*, Whether they are not for Canada, and that it is agreeable to ſome agreement of Doctor FRANLIN.

“ The continental agent reſiding here, waited on General Dargour, after his arrival here, and begged to know his intention, in regard of admitting American veſſels; he replied, that he had orders from the King his Maſter, to open all French ports, to the veſſels belonging to the Thirteen United States.

I am, yours, &c.”

LONDON, *July* 7.

Copy of a memorial lately preſented to the Miniſters of France, by Lord Stormont, the Engliſh Ambaſſador at the Court of Verſailles.

INDEPENDENT of what ſovereign States owe to themſelves, according to the ſacred laws of nature and of nations, in caſes where any of their provinces may rebel; and, not to mention that ſhould the efforts of the Engliſh American colonies prove ſucceſsful, the provinces appertaining to other States might be induced to make a ſimilar attempt; the ſubſcribing party is inſtructed to repreſent to the enlightened Miniſters of France, that our colonies have nearly formed themſelves into an independent and formidable empire. Should they not be timely prevented, it will by no means be difficult (conſidering their powerful reſources of every kind) for them to attempt the conqueſt of other provinces in America, richer and better ſituated. France and Spain have therefore every thing to apprehend for the ſafety of their colonies, ſhould thoſe of Great Britain ſucceed in their deſigns.

The ſubſcribing party hopes that theſe reflections may induce his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, not only to continue his pacific intentions at this particular juncture, but alſo, that he may ſo far extend his neutrality and friendſhip, as to prohibit the merchants in his dominions from affording thoſe of America (with whom they now trade openly) ſuch vaſt ſuccours as have hitherto been furniſhed. Above all, it is hoped, that Meſſieurs Dean and Franklin may be reſtrained in thoſe meaſures, which have been gradually unfolded, ſo as to become leſs and leſs equivocal. The papers annexed to this memorial will ſo amply diſplay the nature and progreſs of Mr. Dean's negociations, that after peruſal it might reaſonably be expected that he ſhould be delivered up.

(Signed) STORMONT.

IN CONGRESS, OCTOBER 14, 1777.

WHEREAS the Britiſh nation have received into their ports, and condemned in their courts of Admiralty, as lawful prize, ſeveral veſſels and their cargoes belonging to theſe States, which the maſters and mariners, in breach of the truſt and confidence repoſed in them, have betrayed and delivered to the officers of the Britiſh crown:

Reſolved therefore, that every veſſel or cargo the property of any Britiſh ſubject, not an inhabitant of Bermuda or any of the Bahama iſlands, brought into any of the ports or harbours of any of theſe United States, by the maſter or mariners, ſhall be adjudged lawful prize, and divided among the captors, in the ſame proportion as if taken by any continental veſſel of war.

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'ry.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 23.

A LETTER from a Gentleman in Cape Francois to his friend here, dated December 23, 1777, ſays, “ There certainly will be a French war very ſoon, as there are troops arriving here daily, ſome of them are deſtined for Canada in the ſpring, others are in the Spaniſh pay, and are to go againſt Jamaica,

The drawing of the firſt claſs of the United States lottery is poſtponed till the firſt day of May next, when it will abſolutely commence drawing.

The Hon. EDMUND PENLETON, GEORGE WYTHE, and ROBERT C. NICHOLAS, Eſquires, are choſen Judges of the High Court of Chancery, with a ſalary of 500 l. per annum each,

General Waſhington, in general orders, has returned thanks to Capt. Henry Lee, of the Virginia light horſe, for his bravery and gallant behaviour during the laſt campaign, for the material ſervice he has rendered the arms of the United States, and the good example he has ſet others.

Extract of a letter from an officer, dated camp, December 25, 1777.

“ Captain Lee, of whom too much cannot be ſaid, for his activity and gallantry, during this whole campaign, had nearly fallen into the hands of the enemy; that young valuable officer has through the courſe of this campaign made 132 priſoners without loſing a man; his ardor had liked to deprived us of him, on a late occaſion, having puſhed the enemy ſo cloſe as to ſeparate himſelf from all aid of infantry, fell in with 40 of Preſton's dragoons, ſupported by 100 foot, he received the fire of a conſiderable body of the infantry with no effect on their ſide, and juſt as he and his little troop that only conſiſted of 22, made their charge, which would have put them all in his hands, he found himſelf the object of the above body of horſe, who had till that time concealed themſelves, they purſued 3 miles in which diſtance he ſeveral times formed his little ſquadron, and finally by his bravery and prudence got off with the loſs of 3 of his troop only, he vowed vengeance, and has already taken it, the enemy being out two days ago on a foraging party near Derby, he equiped himſelf and with his Lieutenants, Linſey and Peyton, who have alſo diſtinguiſhed themſelves on every occaſion, turned-out for ſatisfaction, and this moment have ſent in 13 of Preſton's horſes and 10 of his dragoons, the other 3 men I ſuppoſe he killed by way of retaliation for thoſe he loſt. The country between this and Derby is plentifully ſupplied with proviſion and forage, and do expect will be the theatre of this winters operations wich will be chiefly by detachments in the foraging way, unleſs General Howe comes out to fight this army, and that I believe will not be the caſe.”

⁂ *A negro wench and three children are now in Lewis Town in Penſylvania, who ſay they belong to one Meredith, near Hampton, in Virginia.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 16, 1778.

I HAVE appointed Mr. *Leighton Wood* to ſign the treaſury notes of one, two thirds, one third, and one ſixth dollars, in the room of Mr. *B. Paſteur* who has declined that buſineſs.

GEO: WEBB.

For SALE, *the following* VESSEL, *viz.*

THE BRIG HAMPTON, now *lying* at *Hampton*, burthen about 240 tons, and lately off the ſtocks; ſhe has good ſails, *rigging* of every kind, and materials to fit her for the ſea. The SLOOP SCORPION, *Burmudian* built, lying at *Cumberland*, burthen about 60 tons, with a complete ſet of ſails, rigging, *&c, &c.* almoſt new. Alſo a NUMBER of BOATS, that are 40 feet long, 24 feet wide, 3 feet 4 inches deep, and were built for the purpoſe of tranſporting troops; they will, by being raiſed upon and decked, make excellent craft for the bay or coaſting buſineſs. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber, in *Williamſburg*. THOMAS SMITH, Agent for the State.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 10, 1778.

DUMFRIES, *January* 5, 1778.

FOR SALE, a tract of LAND in *Fauquier* county, about 1100 acres, well timbered and watered, it lies near Mr. *Robert Aſhby*'s tavern, on the main road from *Fredericksburg* or *Dumfries* to *Winchester*, 50 miles from *Dumfries* or *Fredericksburg*, and about 60 from *Alexandria*. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe will apply to (2) REGINALD GRAHAM.

YORK TOWN, *January* 15, 1778.

ON *Wedneſday* the 4th of *February* will be expoſed to ſale at my houſe in this place, for ready money, if fair, if not the next fair day, ſundry houſehold and kitchen furniture, amongſt which are a great variety of china and glaſs ware, alſo a 40 gallon copper kettle, a 20 gallon braſs do. a good fiddle, gun, hanger ſilver mounted, *German* flute, three large elegant china jars, glaſs pyramid, china bowls from 3 gallons to 1 pint, glaſs decanters, wine glaſſes and tumblers, empty bottles, large jugs, a new mohogany bedſtead, an 8 day clock, and other articles too tedious to mention. The ſale to continue from day to day till the whole is diſpoſed off. G. RIDDELL.

TO be ſold the 2d day of *February*, to the higheſt bidder, at *Richmond* in *Henrico* Country, 300 barrels of *Baltimore* FLOUR.

2 DANIEL L. HYLTON.

JAMES CITY county, *January* 10, 1778.

I HAVE in my poſſeſſion, four hogs, three barrows and one ſow, marked with a crop in the right ear and ſlit in the left, appear to be about four years old, two of them are white, one grizzled, and the other black and white. The owner may have them on proving his property.

2 JOHN BROWNE.

DESERTED from *Leeſburg* the firſt of laſt *October*, *Hugh M,Comick*, a continental ſoldier belonging to the 16th regiment of guards commanded by Col. *William Grayſon*, the ſaid ſoldier had a wife in *Buckingham* county. Whoever delivers the above deſerter to the commanding officer at *Williamſburg* ſhall receive a reward of 30 dollars. THOMAS H. DREW, Lieut.

PRINCE EDWARD, *January* 15, 1778.

ABOUT three years paſt, I gave my ſettled note for about three hundred and forty pounds, payable with intereſt to *Spiers*, & co. for dealings with *James Farley*; in *October* 1776, I offered the money to *Andrew Johnſon*, who told me he believed *Alexander Banks* had my note and he would acquaint him of my wanting to take it up, ſo it is I cannot find who has it, I take this method to acquaint the perſon that has got it to apply for the money, as I ſhall think it unjuſt to pay intereſt after offering the money to the factors.

(1) GEO: WALTON.

A REWARD of 20 dollars is offered for apprehending and delivering to me, a mulatto ſervant wench named HANKEY (alias *Hagai Sexton*) who went off about 4 years ago, and has been living theſe laſt two years in *Albemarle* county, where ſhe paſſed for a free woman, and is ſtill there, protected and harboured by a parcel of free Mulattoes. (tf) WILLIAM SMITH.

RUN away ſome time in *September* laſt, from *James Armſtrong* of *Fauquier* county, a Negro man named AYRE, belonging to the eſtate of the late Mr. *Allen Macrae*, deceaſed, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, rather ſlim made, and of a yellowiſh complexion, has a remarkable twiſt with his mouth when he ſpeaks, and, although an *Affrican*, affects to pronounce the *Engliſh* language very fine, or rather to clip it. As he can both read and write, it is more then preſumable he may have forged a paſs, and by that means may have travelled where he pleaſed as a free man. His common wearing apparel was of ſtriped country cloth, and had an half worn hat, and country made ſhoes, all of which he may doubtleſs have had the addreſs to alter or change, long e'er now. Whoever apprehends and ſo ſecures the ſaid runaway Negro, ſo as to be had again, ſhall receive ten dollars if taken within 20 miles of his home, and if at a greater diſtance, or out of the State of *Virginia* 20 dollars, if delivered to the aforeſaid *James Armſtrong*, his overſeer, or brought to the *Neabſco Furnace*, all reaſonable charges will be thankfully paid, by

6 THOMAS LAWSON.

CAME to the plantation of the ſubſcriber's, ſome time in June 1776 *a ſtray red cow, marked with a ſwallowfork and underkeel in the right ear, a crop in the left, and now has a calf. Whoever owns the ſaid cow and calf, are deſired to come and prove their property, pay the charges, and take them away.*

2 *THOMAS MARSHAL.*

SOME time laſt *May* I executed a bond for the ſum of 24 pounds, and a few ſhillings, payable to *Thomas Irvin*, who I am informed was at that time a factor for *Neill Jamiſon*, & co, I am, and have been ready a conſiderable time paſt to pay the ſum contained therein, I ſhall therefore be obliged by the ſaid *Irvin*'s informing me to whom and where I am to pay the money, as I ſhall not think myſelf bound to pay intereſt after this date.

[*December* 20, 1777.] 1 JOHN DEJARNAT.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the plantation belonging to Jeſſe Lumbly, in Southampton *county, a bright bay ſtallion, about 4 feet 7 or 8 inches high, neither docked nor branded, he had when he went away, a ſmall lump upon his back, a few white hairs in his flanks, a ſtar in his forehead. Whoever takes up the ſaid horſe and ſecures him ſo that I get him again, ſhall receive* [illegible] *dollars reward.*

1 *JACOB WADDILL.*

DOBBS county, North Carolina, January 1, 1778.

FOUND, about the 20th of October 1776, *in the road between* [illegible] *and* Tarborough *town, on Tar river,* [illegible] *The owner on proving his property, paying charges, may have* [illegible] *in this county* [illegible]

1 *JAMES BEAMON.*

GEORGE ELLIOTT, *Robert Gillet*, *William Lyons*, *William Francis*, jun. draughts for *York* county, failing to appear at the time appointed, I hereby offer a reward of twenty dollars for each of them, being delivered up to the commanding officer in *Williamſburg*.

AUGUSTINE TABB, Lieut. State Regt.

PETERSBURG *January* 21, 1778.

TO be ſold at public vendue, on *Wedneſday* the 4th day of *February* next, at this place, about 20 hogſheads of good rum, lately arrived, a quantity of [illegible] twine, indigo, and ſome other articles, by

2 WALTER ROBERTSON.

TO be ſold for ready money, at Mr. *Galt*'s in *Richmond*, on *Monday* the 2d of *February*, being *Henrico* court day, 6 NEGRO WOMEN, moſt of them acquainted with the ordinary buſineſs of a family. 2

TO be ſold to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on *Wedneſday* the [illegible] of *February* (if fair, if not the next fair day) at *Hanover* town, FIFTY choice NEGROES, conſiſting of men, women, and children.

4 JOHN PERRIN.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 20, 1778.

THE Gentlemen of the adjacent [illegible] [illegible] to the ſubſcriber in this city, [illegible] over and above the price of the commodities furniſhed. And the Gentlemen of the counties convenient to the ſtations of *Fredericksburg*, and *Alexandria*, the expences will be paid by my aſſiſtants, at the former by Mr. *Thomas Allen*, and at the latter by *Joſiah Watſon*, Eſquire.

WILLIAM FINNIE, D. Q. M. G. S. D.

LOST by the ſubſcriber, on the 12th of *Auguſt* laſt, at *Buckingham* court, two tickets in the United States Lottery, Nos. 16m064 and 16m065. I will give four dollars reward to any perſon who ſhall deliver them to Mr. *John Cox*, at *Buckingham* courthouſe, or to the ſubſcriber in *Amherſt*. The managers of the ſaid lottery are deſired to ſtop payment of the prize or prizes drawn by the ſaid tickets, in caſe they are produced by any other perſon than myſelf.

1 NICHOLAS CABELL.

HALIFAX TOWN (*North Carolina*) *December* 29, 1777.

ALL perſons who have any demands againſt the eſtate of *Joſeph Montfort*, deceaſed, are deſired to make them know on or before the 1ſt day of *May* next, as I intend to make a diviſion of the ſaid eſtate on that day, and all accounts brought in after that date will not be paid.

There is ſtill on hand for ſale, belonging to the ſaid eſtate, the following land, *to wit.* 6000 acres in *Tryon* county, 370 acres in *Orange* county, 6000 acres in *Bute* county, 1500 acres in *Halifax* county, and ſundry other ſmall tracts in different parts of this State; they will be ſold cheap, and long credit, provided the bonds carry intereſt from the date.

7 HENRY MONTFORT, Executor.

TO be ſold, in the upper end of Hanover *county* 550 *acres of exceeding good land, equal to any for tobacco, grain, &c. and lies very well, whereon ſtands a commodious dwelling-houſe* 34 *by* 32 *feet, underpinned with a fine brick cellar, with* 4 *rooms on the lower floor, and fire places in each, with a neat built kitchen, dairy, meat houſe, barn, corn houſe, and every other convenient building agreeable to the dwelling-houſe, with a well paled in garden of ſawed frame, the whole been built about* 10 *years, with about* 1000 *bearing peach trees of the beſt plum ſort, with two apple orchards, all the timber of oak, in very great plenty, and abounds with fine ſtreams and ſprings, equal to any in the county, the ſituation high, pleaſant, and healthy, lying on* Locuſt *creek, and* Little *river, very convenient to churches and meetings of worſhip, mills, &c. the whole in fine order for croping and working* 10 *or* 12 *hands. The terms may be know by applying to the owner who lives on the premiſes, and who will make an undoubted right to the ſaid land, &c. and if deſired give credit for one half the purchaſe money, the other half to be paid down to* 9 *THOMAS SWIFT.*

Berkeley (Charles City) January 6, 1778.

THE beſt wages and privileges will be given to a man capable of going mate of a topſail veſſel, and ſix ſeamen. Apply to

BENJAMIN HARRISON, Jun.

JANUARY 9, 1778.

THE officers recruiting under the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel *John Thornton* are requeſted to make immediate returns of their reſpective numbers either to that Gentleman, or their moſt obedient ſervant,

5 C. M. THRUSTON.

Williamsburg, *January* 16, 1778.

NOTICE is hereby given, by order of the preſident and maſters of *William & Mary* college, that the ſale at *Nottoway* quarter is put off until *Wedneſday* the 28th inſtant (*January*) at which time and place will be *ſold* for ready money, about 30 likely Negroes, alſo moſt of the ſtock thereon, with the plantation utenſils. The land will be leaſed out for 21 years, to the higheſt bidder. There are alſo ſeveral plantations in *Suſſex* may be leaſed for the ſame number of years. 2 JOHN CARTER, B[illegible]r.

To be ſold at Buckland, in the county of Charles City, *on* Monday *the 26th Inſtant* (January) *for ready money,*

PART of the eſtate of the late Hon. *William Byrd*, conſiſting of the ſtocks of hogs and goats, and about one hundred ton of hay, in good condition.

THE EXECUTRIX.

TO be rented, and entered on immediately, about 700 acres of good land lying in *Loudoun* county, on *Gooſe* creek. The ſaid land will be laid off in lots of 1 or 200 acres, as will be moſt convenient for thoſe who incline to rent. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber, living in *Weſtmoreland* county, near [illegible] bridge. 25 WILLIAM BROWN.

Hanover Courthouse, *January*, 5, 1778.

RUN away from this place on *Monday* the 4th inſtant, at night, two *Engliſh* ſailors, who were ſtationed here as priſoners of war. They were taken ſome time in *Auguſt* laſt, in a tender belonging to the *Otter* man of war, *viz.* RICHARD YOUNG, about 5 feet 7 inches high, wears his hair which is black, [illegible] much about his neck, inclines to curl, and is very buſhy, much pitted [illegible] the ſmallpox, and ſtoops in his ſhoulders, wears a ſmall coarſe hat, blue [illegible] jacket, white waiſtcoat, brown linen trouſers, and ſhoes with pewter [illegible], has a bold look, and is much addicted to liquor. THOMAS LEWIS, about 5 feet 9 inches high, well made, dark hair which he generally ties behind, [illegible] bound with white, blue ſailor's jacket, white waiſtcoat, linen [illegible], and ſhoes with plated buckles, and ſays he has a wife in *New York*, [illegible] reaſon to believe they were induced away by an unknown perſon, who [illegible] to be an *Engliſhman*, about 5 feet 9 inches high, very curled hair [illegible], he wore a thin *Virginia* cloth coat, yellow ſtriped *ſilk* waiſtcoat, [illegible] breeches, white ſtockings, and ſhoes with ſilver buckles. He [illegible] and ſaid he was from *Carolina*, and intended to *Fredericksburg*. Whoever apprehends and delivers the ſaid ſailors to me ſhall be generouſly rewarded.

PAUL THILMAN.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 8, 1778.

TO be exchanged at [illegible] for a [illegible] quantity of *French* brandy, of the firſt quality, at the rate of two [illegible] for three pair of good ſoldiers ſhoes, or one gallon for two of common rum or brandy.

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD, C. S.

JANUARY 8, 1778.

WANTED, a SURGEON's MATE for the Hoſpital at *York*. M. POPE.

Williamsburg, *January* 9, 1778.

ALL perſons who are indebted to the eſtate of Mrs. *Mary Cooley*, deceaſed, are deſired to make immediate payment, and thoſe who have any demands are requeſted to make them known to

JOHN M. GALT, Guardian to the Orphan.

WANTED immediately, two ſingle men who underſtand ditching in a marſh. Such will meet with very good encouragement by applying to the ſubſcriber, near *Chickahominy* river, in *James City* county.

JOSEPH HORNSBY.

To be ſold on the Premiſes, to the higheſt Bidder, for ready Money, on the 22d of January, if fair, otherwiſe the next fair Day,

THE Lots and public Warehouſes adjoining the Town of *Falmouth*, called *Dixon's & Falmouth*, belonging to the Eſtate of the Rev. *John Dixon*, deceaſed; the Houſes are in good Repair, and the Situation renders them very valuable.

JOHN DIXON, }
JOHN PEYTON, } Exec'rs

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☞ The Executors being deſirous to have the Eſtate finally ſettled, requeſt all thoſe who have any Demands will make them known by the Day of Sale, and that thoſe who are indebted will be ſpeedy in making Payment.

STOLEN or ſtrayed from Mr. *James Hunter*'s Paſture, oppoſite *Fredericksburg*, on *Monday* the 13th of *October*, a large black HORSE, about 15 Hands high, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, 4 Years old laſt Spring, is a natural Pacer but can trot *or* gallop, branded on the near Buttock and Shoulder IMC, but ſcarcely viſible, a white Kind of Hair round his off hind Foot, juſt above the Hoof. Whoever takes up and ſecures the ſaid Horſe ſo that I get him again, ſhall receive a Reward of FORTY SHILLINGS by 5 JOHN HARDIA.

COMMITTED into my Cuſtody as a Runaway, an outlandiſh Negro Man, who calls himſelf *Jack*, and ſays he belongs to *Thomas Turner*, though can hardly ſpeak to be underſtood, appears to be 35 Years old, about 5 Feet 2 Inches high; has ſeveral of his Country Marks about his Face, had on an old Hat, an old Tow Shirt, ſtriped Jacket, blue Yarn Breeches, both Coutry Cloth, and much worn, and has an old *Dutch* Blanket. The Owner is deſired to apply for the ſaid Negro to the Subſcriber, in *Surry* County, prove his Property, and pay Charges.

ETHELDRED GRAY, D. S.

TO be ſold, at *King William* court houſe, on *Thurſday* the 19th of *February*, being court day, the ſubſcriber's TRACT of LAND, containing by a late ſurvey 503 acres, whereon the aforeſaid court houſe ſtands, together with all the buildings thereon, viz. the publick houſe, which is 72 feet by 20 with a portico the whole length, there are 4 rooms below and 4 above, with 4 cloſets on a floor; another dwelling houſe 36 by 18 with 2 rooms above and 2 below, a paſſage and 2 cloſets; a large ſtore houſe 40 by 16; a counting houſe 18 by 12, with 2 rooms; a private dwelling houſe 40 by 16, with 2 rooms below and 1 above; a large kitchen 28 by 20, with 2 rooms; ſtables, corn houſes, a large fertile garden, and every other conveniency requiſite for publick or private houſes. No place in this country is better calculated for a tavern than this, and none more frequented, trade has flouriſhed here for many years, it being very convenient to navigation. The land will produce tobacco, corn, and wheat exceeding well. The advantages attending this place are many, but let this ſuffice, that any perſon who is inclinable to purchaſe may make his 1000l. or 1500l. per year. The terms of payment will be made known on the day of ſale. (6) JOHN QUARLES.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD

FOR Apprehending and delivering PATTY, a lightiſh coloured Negro Woman, pitted with the Smallpox, about 30 Years of Age, walks well, and generally faſt, is rather above the Middle Size, well ſhaped, and dreſſes neatly. (8) JOHN SYME.

To be SOLD, *agreeable to the laſt will and teſtament of Mr. Henry Robinſon, deceaſed, to the higheſt bidder, at* Hanover *courthouſe, on* Thurſday *the 5th day of* February *next, being court day,*

A TRACT of well timbered land, containing about 400 acres, lying in *King William* county, on *Herring* creek, being part of a larger tract belonging to the eſtate of the ſaid deceaſed, and joining the lands of Mr. *Thomas Butler* and Mr. *Richard Dabney*. Any perſon inclinable to view the ſaid land before the day of ſale, will be ſhewn the ſame, by applying to Mr. *William Harris*, who lives near thereto. The time of payment will be made known on the day of ſale. 1 BARTHELOT ANDERSON, Executor.

TAKEN up, in *Brunſwick* county, a ſtray BULL, marked with a crop and underkeel in the right and two nicks in the left ear, of a dark brindled colour, with ſome white ſpots about him; alſo a COW YEARLING, marked with a ſwallowfork and two nicks in the right and an underkeel in the left ear, of a deep red colour, and the left thigh and up the flank deeper than elſewhere. Poſted, and appraiſed, the bull to 30s. and the cow to 25s.

MARK HAMOUR.

TAKEN up, in *Brunſwick* county, 10 young hogs about 12 or 14 months old, 8 of them are grizzled, the other two red, with white liſts, the whole are marked with a crop in each ear, and came to my houſe about the 1ſt of *Auguſt* laſt. Poſted, and appraiſed to 6l. CLEMENT LANIER.

TAKEN up, on *Dockery*'s creek, in *Mecklenburg* county, a RED STEER about 3 years old, marked with a ſmooth crop and hole in the right and a ſmooth crop in the left ear. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l.

HOWELL COLLIER.

TAKEN up, in *Louiſa* county, near *Boſwell*'s ordinary, a dun BLACK HORSE, about 4 Feet 5 or 6 Inches high, has had the poll-evil, many ſaddle ſpots on his back, about 15 years old, and branded on the near butock U as near as can be made out. Poſted, and appraiſed to 7l.

JOSEPH MORTON.

Petersburg, *December* 22, 1777.

TAKEN up in *James* river, near *Newport News*, a likely PETTIAUGER. Any perſon proving his property, and paying charges, ſhall have the ſame, by applying to JOHN CARPENTER.